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ON CAMBODIA'S SEIZURE OF "MAYAGUEZ"

USUN ISSUED FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE ON SUBJECT LETTER:

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FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR JOHN SCALI,
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS, TO SECRETARY
GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM, ON THE SEIZURE BY CAMBODIAN AUTHORITIES OF
THE UNITED STATES MERCHANT VESSEL, MAYAGUEZ.

MAY 14, 1975

DEAR MR. SECRETARY GENERAL:

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WISHES TO DRAW URGENTLY TO
YOUR ATTENTION THE THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE WHICH HAS
BEEN POSED BY THE ILLEGAL AND UNPROVOKED SEIZURE BY CAMBODIAN
AUTHORITIES OF THE U.S. MERCHANT VESSEL, MAYAGUEZ, IN
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INTERNATIONAL WATERS.

THIS UNARMED MERCHANT SHIP HAS A CREW OF ABOUT FORTY
AMERICAN CITIZENS.

AS YOU ARE NO DOUBT AWARE, MY GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY INI-
TIATED CERTAIN STEPS THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS, INSISTING
ON IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF THE VESSEL AND CREW. WE ALSO REQUEST
YOU TO TAKE ANY STEPS WITHIN YOUR ABILITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO
THIS OBJECTIVE.

IN THE ABSENCE OF A POSITIVE RESPONSE TO OUR APPEALS THROUGH
DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS FOR EARLY ACTION BY THE CAMBODIAN AUTHO-
RITIES, MY GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO TAKE SUCH
MEASURES AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE LIVES OF AMERICAN
CITIZENS AND PROPERTY, INCLUDING APPROPRIATE MEASURES OF
SELF-DEFENSE UNDER ARTICLE 51 OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER.

ACCEPT, MR. SECRETARY GENERAL, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST
CONSIDERATION.

SINCERELY,
JOHN SCALI

HIS EXCELLENCY MR. KURT WALDHEIM
SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS
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